Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) There is no special supervision arranged by Government, except the control over labour in general in the whole State.

WORKS IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT— PARTICULARS REGARDING

106. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of works for the execution of which sealed tenders were invited by notification in 1114 M. E. from the Archaeological Department;

(*b*) the amount as per estimate;

(*c*) the names of persons who submitted tenders for execution with the tender deduction each one had offered;

(*d*) the name of person to whom the work was actually given on contract;

(*e*) whether the persons referred to in (*d*) had deposited the earnest money as per notification on the last date for receiving tenders; if they had, will chalans or cash-book of the office go to show that the contractors had actually deposited the earnest money;

(*f*) whether the office of the Government Archaeologist has at any time in 1115 been audited by the staff of the Comptroller's Office; if so, whether they have verified the deposit of earnest money with reference to the connected files;

(*g*) who is the Government Archaeologist; is he related to the contractor or contractors referred to in (*d*)?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 1. Conservation of the Kollannur temple, Anjur.

2. Conservation of the Irattachira temple, Trichur.

(*b*) 1. Rs. 50.

2. Rs. 80.

(*c*) 1. For the conservation of the Kollannur temple:

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Mekattukulam Thoma Kunjuvareed Kollannur, Anjur. His was the only tender received. Tender deduction was $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

2. For the conservation of the Irattachira temple :

Mookan Antony Joseph, Trichur. His was the only tender received. Tender deduction was 2 per cent.

(*d*) To the persons noted in the answer to (*c*).

(*e*) Yes. They have deposited the earnest money by chalans. Amounts received by such chalans are not receipted in the cash book. The chalans are returned to the contractors after the respective works are over.

(*f*) The Office of the Government Archaeologist is not subject to Local Audit or Efficiency Audit.

(*g*) M. R. Ry. Paliyath Anujan Achan. He is not related to Mekkattukulam Thoma Kunjuvareed or Mookan Antony Joseph, the contractors referred to in (*d*).

107. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state the following particulars with regard to the works got done by the Archaeological Department in 1115.—

(*a*) Serial No;

(*b*) Name or particulars, or nature of work;

(*c*) whether Gazette notification was made before entrusting the work with contractors;

(*d*) whether tenders were called for; if so, the names of those who submitted their tenders, with the reductions offered by each;

(*e*) whether the persons who submitted tenders produced chalans evidencing deposit of earnest money; if so, the date and number of chalans;

(*f*) the dates on which the tender was accepted; the name of the contractor to whom the work was entrusted;

(*g*) the amount paid to the contractor in respect of each work;

(*h*) who checkmeasured the work and when?

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Serial No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

(*b*) 1. Levelling the ground and clearing the growth of vegetations, etc., over and around the Vaipikotta Seminary at Chennamangalam.

2. Repainting, cement washing, etc., of the inscribed tablets and their basements erected at Chennamangalam, Cheraman *Paramba*, Chalakkudi and Trichur.

3. Putting up a *mattam* all round the Kotakkallu *Paramba* in the Chiramanangad Village.

4. Putting up a *mattam* around the Kotakkallus in the Kandanisseri Village and clearing the growth of vegetations, etc., inside and around the caves and dolmens at Kakkat, Porkalam, Kattakampal and Chovvannur.

5. Construction of a solid laterite basement to the monolithic monument in the Village of Kuttur.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. Work No. 1—M. S. Krishna Menon, Tender deduction—2½%.

Work No. 2—K. K. Velayudhan, Tender deduction—8%.

K. Madhava Menon, Tender deduction—8½%.

Work No. 3.—No tender was received.

,, No. 4.—K. K. Velayudhan—Tender deduction—12%.

K. Madhava Menon—Tender deduction—12½%.

,, No. 5.—K. Madhava Menon—Tender deduction—2½%.

(*e*) Yes. As the chalans were returned to the parties themselves after the completion of the works, the dates and numbers are not available.

(*f*) No. 1. on 10th Thulam 1115—M. S. Krishna Menon.

No. 2. on 27th Vrischigam 1115—K. Madhava Menon.

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No. 3. As there was no tenderer, the work under this head was entrusted to K. Madhava Menon.

No. 4. On 5th Vrischigam 1115—K. Madhava Menon.

No. 5. On 1st Kumbham 1115—K. Madhava Menon.

(*g*) No. 1. Rs. 23.
No. 2. Rs. 40—8—0.
No. 3. Rs. 41.
No. 4. Rs. 21.
No. 5. Rs. 59.

(*h*) Government Archaeologist. Each work was check-measured after its completion.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, the reason for not auditing the accounts of the Archæological Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* They are audited in their usual course. Whenever bills are drawn, they will all be received in the Comptroller's Office and these will be audited by the office.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there any other office where there is neither local audit nor efficiency audit?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Local audit is conducted not in all the offices. It is conducted only in certain special departments, like the Public Works Department, the Conservator's Office, the Tramway Engineer's Office, the Devaswam Offices, etc., where large items of expenditure are incurred, which may not be possible to be scrutinised by the Head office. For example, in the Diwan Peishkar's Office, there is no local audit.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there any office without either local audit or efficiency audit?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* This is one of them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there any more?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I think there are a few more. Recently some other offices were also brought into the scheme of efficiency audit, for instance, the Advocate General's office. That was an office where

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we had neither local audit nor efficiency audit. It is only recently that we decided to take in that office also for the purpose of local audit.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Secretariat scrutinises the accounts of the Archæological Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Normally audit is done by the Comptroller's Office.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Every bill drawn by the Archæologist comes as a matter of course to the Comptroller's Office, and it will be scrutinised.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ കൺട്രാക്ടർമാരൊക്കെ അപ്പ്രൂവ്ഡ് കൺട്രാക്ടർമാരാണൊ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* At least for those works.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അപ്പ്രൂവ്ഡ് കൺട്രാക്ടർമാക്കെ പണി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളു എന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ നിശ്ചയമില്ലേ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* These are all petty works.

Mr. K. R. Viswamhharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether any attempt was made to secure the number and date of the chalans on which this earnest money was deposited in the treasury?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They have all been returned. I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there not anything on record in the office of the Government Archæologist to show the number and date of the chalan depositing the earnest money?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I can give no information now.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the tenders are not opened in the presence of all the contractors?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is the usual practice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I want to know whether it has been the practice here.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There was only one tender in several cases.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I note from the answer that the reconstruction of temples are being given on contract to people who are not Caste-Hindus. Will it not wound the feelings of Sanatanists? *(Laughter).*

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the two temples, Kollannur and Irattachira, are managed by the Devaswam Department?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know where this Irattachira temple is situated? Is it the one situated in the compound of the Police Commissioner's Office?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS—PURCHASE OF—ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

108. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount expended by the Government for purchase of photographic materials and chemicals, for taking photos, etc., of places and objects of archaeological interest through the Archaeological Department in 1114;

(*b*) whether vouchers are kept in the Office of the Government Archaeologist for each item of expenditure; the names of the Photographer's firm or company from whom vouchers are obtained;

(*c*) whether the Office of the Government Archaeologist has been at any time audited by the Accounts Department in respect of the accounts of 1114; if so, whether the vouchers referred to in (*b*) have been verified with reference to the articles alleged to have been purchased as evidenced by such vouchers;

(*d*) whether the Government Archaeologist is keeping a register of photographs he is either purchasing or causing to be produced?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 20.

(*b*) No. Messrs. Jos Brothers, Trichur.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

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